

# **APPENDIX I**

## **PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

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**Washoe County Planning Commission**

**City of Reno Planning Commission**

**Reno City Council**

**North Valleys Citizen Advisory Board**

**North Valleys Neighborhood Advisory Board**

**Spanish Springs Citizen Advisory Board**

**Warm Springs Citizen Advisory Board**

**Sun Valley Citizen Advisory Board**

**Reno Sparks Indian Colony**



## WASHOE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

### MINUTES

January 6, 2004

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Washoe County  
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Vice Chair

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Stephen D. Rogers

Mary Sanada

Mark Sullivan

William Weber

The Washoe County Planning Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, January 6, 2004, in the Washoe County Commission Caucus Room, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada.

### DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Chair Doxey called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The following Commissioners and staff were present:

Commissioners present: Robert Doxey, Chair  
Marge Frandsen  
Stephen Rogers  
Dan Salerno  
Mary Sanada  
Mark Sullivan (arrived at 6:40 p.m.)  
William Weber

Commissioners absent: None

Staff present: Adrian Freund, AICP, Director, Community Development  
Sharon Kvas, AICP, Planning Manager, Community Development  
Trevor Lloyd, Planner, Community Development  
Sandra Dutton, Planner, Community Development  
Cathi Moldenhauer, Recording Secretary, Community Development  
James Barnes, Deputy District Attorney, Washoe County

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Weber led the pledge to the flag.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, Commissioner Rogers moved to approve the agenda for the January 6, 2004 meeting. Commissioner Salerno seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of six to zero (Commissioner Sullivan absent).

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Salerno moved to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2003 meeting. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Weber, passed by a vote of six to zero (Commissioner Sullivan absent).

Adrian P. Freund  
AICP, Director



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**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**CONSENT ITEMS****AGENDA ITEM 1****CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER FRANDSEN TO THE 2030 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE STEERING COMMITTEE.**

Commissioner Rogers moved to confirm the appointment of Commissioner Frandsen to the 2030 Regional Transportation Plan Update Steering Committee. Commissioner Salerno seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of six to zero (Commissioner Sullivan absent).

**PLANNING ITEMS****AGENDA ITEM 2**

✓  
REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (DEIS) FOR THE TRACY TO SILVER LAKE TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT. Planning Commission comments will be combined with those of the County Commission and submitted to the Bureau of Land Management under the County's status as a "Cooperating Agency" on this EIS. The Planning Commission will consider the required County Special Use Permit at a later date and all comments for this agenda item will be focused on the adequacy and accuracy of the Draft EIS.

Bill Whitney reviewed the staff report dated December 16, 2003. [Commissioner Sullivan arrived at the beginning of Mr. Whitney's presentation.] Mr. Whitney introduced Terri Knutson, Carson City Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and Bill Roullier, Sierra Pacific Power Company (SPPC), both of whom were in the audience.

The proposal submitted by SPPC was to construct and operate a 120kV power transmission line from its electrical generation facilities in Tracy to end at the existing Silver Lake Substation in Stead. Additionally, two new substations were proposed, the Sugarloaf Substation in Spanish Springs and the Stead Airport Substation in Stead.

Mr. Whitney displayed a composite map showing all the alternatively proposed routes of the transmission line. The route proposed by SPPC originated in the Pah Rah Range out of the Interstate 80 corridor, into Spanish Springs along LaPosada, up Pyramid Highway to the proposed Sugarloaf Substation, continuing west across Hungry Valley and into Lemmon Valley, around the top of Matterhorn, and around the top of the Reno-Stead Airport to the second proposed substation, along the western side of the airport, and ending ultimately at the Silver Lake Substation.

The comments of the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners will be presented to the BLM for consideration in the Final Environmental Impact Statement

(FEIS). The information garnered will be useful in the decision-making during the subsequent special use permit application process.

Mr. Whitney stated that the Planning Commission was not required to endorse the proposed route or any of the alternative routes at this point. However, this does not preclude the Planning Commission's including comments pointing out advantages or disadvantages with any particular alignment. Although segments of the proposed action and all the alternatives are within the Reno and Sparks Spheres of Influence (SOI) and sometimes within the city limits, the Planning Commission's review need not exclude these areas and should include all segments of all alternative routes. The ultimate route selected could be a combination of any of the segments analyzed in the DEIS.

The proposal is for a 120kV transmission line, not to be confused with larger transmission lines in this area, such as the Alturas 345kV intertie line. The scale of the 120kV line is smaller all around.

During the early stages of preparation of the Draft EIS, Mr. Whitney and Trevor Lloyd of Community Development co-signed a memo to the BLM and to the other cooperating agencies voicing opposition to the northern alternative being included for study. Specifically, they objected to including the Antelope Valley portion of the route, as it served no purpose to construct a transmission corridor down the heart of this rural residential community which had no present or future requirement for 120kV electrical service and had no existing transmission lines within the valley. As the DEIS included this alternative, the objection met with no success. Staff's opinion has not, however, changed.

Mr. Whitney emphasized several concerns listed in the staff report. He pointed out the importance of having the Regional Utility Corridor Report available for use when the Regional Planning Commission reviews this project for regional conformance.

Another concern was the use of low-EMF (electromagnetic field) lines and low visibility lines as mitigation features. These features should be used as minimum design standards. Undergrounding of power transmission lines, offsite mitigation measures, and property owner compensation should be the key mitigation components of this proposal.

Staff was not in agreement with statements in the DEIS regarding the lack of benefits derived from undergrounding the power line along LaPosada Drive.

The proposed route and some of the alternatives might affect the future viability of the Reno National Championship Air Races. Mr. Whitney expressed concern that the DEIS only stated that the proposed action alignment was within the safety zone for the race courses. This statement must be clarified, as the Federal Aviation Authority could withhold authorization for the Reno Air Races, impacting the community by \$55 million annually.

Mr. Whitney pointed out that land acquisition figures are not calculated into the cost estimates for the proposed action and alternative routes, thereby compromising the reliability of the cost estimates.

He recommended that the Final EIS include the types of utility developments for which a newly established utility corridor would be suited and the associated impacts.

Commissioner Rogers requested an estimate to place the entire transmission line underground. He stated that permanent undergrounding should be demanded in certain areas, such as the Reno-Stead Airport and near residential uses. The underground trenches should not be used for other utilities just because an easement exists.

Mr. Whitney replied that cost estimates were available for all alternative routes; however, those estimates did not include underground installation. He recommended that information be included in the Final EIS.

Commissioner Salerno agreed that more information was required on the cost of undergrounding at least portions of the transmission line. He also recommended the inclusion of a composite map similar to the one prepared by Mr. Whitney showing all the alternative routes on one page.

Mr. Whitney advised the map was prepared by the BLM for the public meetings held at the Citizen Advisory Boards (CABs) and other open houses.

Commissioner Frandsen quoted a concern from one of the CABs that stated some of the participating agencies were working out deals making it difficult for property owners to have a voice in the planning process. Mr. Whitney responded that the comment was taken out of context. The cities and the County will go through a public process to issue a special use permit for the project, giving property owners a voice in the planning process, in addition to public input required with the EIS process.

Commissioner Frandsen also referred to the concern that Sierra Pacific Power Company was not listening to the citizens who want underground power lines and their opposition to establishing a new utility corridor. Mr. Whitney replied that Sierra Pacific attended all meetings held regarding this project, along with BLM; however, the company will do what needs to be done to construct the line in the fashion SPPC thinks best and most appropriate.

Commissioner Frandsen asked for a description of the procedure that follows receiving comments from the citizens, the Planning Commission, and the Board of County Commissioners. Mr. Whitney stated that a contractor was hired to develop the EIS, and that contractor would do the bulk of the work. The cooperating agencies would assist, and the BLM would be heavily involved. By federal statute, the Final EIS must address all comments received.

Commissioner Frandsen stated her agreement with the comments contained in Mr. Whitney's staff report, and she would like to see them addressed in the Final EIS.

Commissioner Sanada commented that staff's comments contained in the staff report were right on target and recommended the Commission's endorsement.

Commissioner Frandsen moved to forward the comments in the staff report, as well as the request for additional information on the cost of undergrounding and for a composite map showing all alternative routes to be included in the Final EIS, to the Board of County Commissioners and then to the BLM. The motion, seconded by Commissioner Rogers, passed unanimously by the seven members present.

Lori Burke, 4850 Mason Road, complimented Mr. Whitney on his presentation. She asked that the cost of undergrounding the transmission line also be tied to the complementary process associated with underground distribution. She asked that the North Valley Alliance alternative also be included and evaluated.

Dan Herman, 11275 Campo Rico, stated that four of the six proposed alternatives go through his property. He too agreed Mr. Whitney's comments were right on target. The line must be underground through Spanish Springs. He suggested coming straight down LaPosada Drive, underground, and continue through Eagle Canyon and across Hungry Valley. He felt this would be the cheapest way to go underground. He pointed out that Pyramid Highway was a scenic corridor that should not be disregarded. The Utility Corridor Report needs to be incorporated as written.

## **PROJECT REVIEW ITEMS**

### **AGENDA ITEM 3**

**PUBLIC HEARING: TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION MAP CASE NO. TM03-012 (COTTONWOOD CREEK ESTATES)** (Continued from December 3, 2003 meeting) – To develop a 57-lot single-family, common open space, residential subdivision on five parcels totaling  $\pm 28.66$  acres as authorized in Article 608 of the Washoe County Development Code. Lots will range in size from  $\pm 9,988$  square feet to 32,302 square feet. The project is located on the south side of State Route 341 approximately one mile east of the Toll Road intersection. The parcels are designated Medium Density Suburban (MDS) in the Southeast Truckee Meadows Area Plan, and are situated in a portion of Sections 27 and 34, T18N, R20E, MDM, Washoe County, Nevada. The property is located in the Galena-Steamboat Citizen Advisory Board boundary and Washoe County Commission District No. 2. (APN 017-012-13, 14, 15, 16 and 017-062-14)

Chair Doxey opened the public hearing.

Trevor Lloyd reviewed the staff report dated December 22, 2003. The subdivision was originally approved in 1994 as a portion of a 156-lot subdivision. In November of 2000, the tentative map inadvertently expired. Following the expiration, the applicant filed a series of parcel maps to create 14 additional lots along the west side of Bailey Canyon Creek. The process was very cumbersome; therefore, the applicant requested reestablishment of the preexisting subdivision approval. As requested at the previous night's caucus, the location of the FEMA flood zone was demonstrated on the overhead. Staff provided conditions requiring receipt of a Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) before proceeding to finalize the map. Upon discussion with the Engineering Division regarding the requirement for 3:1 slopes along the flood channel, it was determined the provision was to regulate hillside cut-and-fill type development and not to regulate flood

# RENO CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

## MINUTES

Tuesday, December 2, 2003  
City Council Chambers – Reno City Hall  
490 South Center Street, Reno, Nevada

### I. ROLL CALL

President Cobb called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. A quorum was established.

**PRESENT:** Randall Barton, LaVonne Brooks, Darren Georgeson, Terry Herman, Jim Newberg and Oscar Sanders.

**ABSENT:** Ron Cobb.

Michael Halley, Deputy City Attorney, was also present.

### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 9, 2003, NOVEMBER 4, 2003.

Commissioner Newberg asked that paragraph page six, seventh paragraph be modified to read "... without renoticing." rather than "... with appropriate renoticing."

*It was moved by Commissioner Brooks, second Commissioner Newberg, to approve the October 9, 2003, minutes, as amended. The motion carried: Commissioners Brooks, Georgeson, Newberg and Vice-chair Sanders assenting; Commissioners Barton and Herman abstaining; and President Cobb absent.*

Commissioner Barton requested that paragraph four, page seven be changed to reflect that he made the disclosure and lived within the required notice area for the Ridgeview Water Tank rather than President Cobb.

*It was moved by Commissioner Newberg, seconded by Commissioner Georgeson, to approve the November 4, 2003, minutes, as amended. The motion carried: Commissioners Barton, Brooks, Georgeson, Herman and Newberg assenting; Vice-chair Sanders abstaining; and President Cobb absent.*

### III. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

None.

### IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Cathy Brandhorst outlined her concerns for military personnel and the use of illegal substances, laser beams in gathering body parts.

### V. PRESENTATION BY BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT OF SILVER LAKE/TRACY 120 KV OVERHEAD POWERLINE PROJECT

Teri Knutsen, BLM (Bureau of Land Management), project manager for the Tracy to Silver Lake 120 kV overhead powerline. Noting that the Draft EIS (Environmental Impact Study) started in the summer of 2002, Ms. Knutsen commented that public comment portion of the process concludes on

December 15, 2003. The BLM will not make a final decision until special use permits have been secured and preferred routes.

Bill Roullier, SPPCo (Sierra Pacific Power Company), provided an overview of the need and project design that will serve three (3) needs: 1). An electrical substation in the Spanish Springs area – due in 2005; 2). A substation at the Reno-Stead airport expected 2008-2009; and 3). Loop the Tracy and Silver Lake power plants, which provides redundant service from alternate locations. The Spanish Springs area is served primarily by the Tracy plant through the Spanish Springs, Gregg Street and one Reno substation.

During the discussion, it was explained that the comments received tonight (December 2, 2003) on the Draft EIS recommendations for the northern, southern and proposed alternatives would be included in the Final EIS due in Spring 2004. At that time, special use permits will be applied for with public hearings scheduled in the summer of 2004. During the scoping process, other alternatives were identified. Mr. R outlined the alternate routes that have similar alignments along La Posada and Pyramid Highway. The existing alternative follows existing lines with a doubles back. The proposed alternatives were identified during the scoping process. The criterion included a need to meet the project requirement, be technically feasible, maximize reliability and respond to concerns. Additionally, the Regional Utility Corridor Plan was also used in the process.

Commissioner Herman commented that with growth in the North Valleys that positioning the line to the north would be advantageous to future growth.

Ms. Knutsen explained that any one of the alternatives and various components linked together could be used. Although other alternatives were considered and eliminated, one of the alternatives will ultimately be chosen.

Mr. Roullier pointed out the existing transmission corridors and noted that while in some instance the existing easements were adequate others segments of the route required additional easement acquisition. Additionally, some existing lines are lower voltage (25 kV) within the transmission corridors and not part of the corridor report.

## **VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**AT-12-03 (Add Barber/Beauty Salons and Retail Bakeries to IC Zone)** – *An ordinance amending Title 18, Chapter 18.06 of the Reno Municipal Code to amend Section 18.06.301 entitled Land Use Tables to add barber/beauty salons and retail bakeries as allowed uses in the IC (Industrial Commercial) zone; and other matters properly relating thereto.*

Vern Kloos, Senior Planner, recalled the October 2003 request of a private citizen to the Planning Commission to initiate an amendment to the IC (Industrial Commercial) zone adding barber/beauty salons and retail bakeries as allowable uses. Staff believes that the additional uses met the intent of the IC designation and recommend approval of the amendment.

Vice-president Sanders opened the public hearing.



**RENO CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
BRIEF OF MINUTES  
December 3, 2003**

The Reno City Council held a regular meeting at 10:00 a.m. on December 3, 2003 in the Council Chambers located at City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Councilperson Harsh, Zadra, Sferrazza, Dortch and Mayor Cashell.

**ABSENT:** Councilperson Hascheff and Aiazzi.

**ALSO PRESENT:** City Manager McNeely, City Attorney Lynch and City Clerk Jones.

**2B Approval of the Agenda – December 3, 2003**

It was moved by Councilperson Sferrazza, seconded by Councilperson Harsh to approve the agenda as amended with items 5G and 10A withdrawn.

Motion carried with Councilpersons Hascheff and Aiazzi absent.

**2C Approval of the Minutes – October 22, 2003**

It was moved by Councilperson Harsh, seconded by Councilperson Sferrazza to approve the Minutes as amended with the following additions: 1. pg. 18, include Councilperson Harsh's comment on parking requirements, 2. pg. 22, include the answers to Councilperson Harsh's questions regarding the co-location of utilities and the funding associated with the co-location and 3. pg. 26, include the staff recommendations on the Cottages.

Motion carried with Councilpersons Hascheff and Aiazzi absent.

**2D Presentations**

**2D1** Certificate of Appreciation to SBC Nevada in Support of City of Reno Regional Welcome Center.

Charles McNeely, City Manager, presented the Certificate of Appreciation from the City of Reno to representatives from SBC.

**AGENDA  
ITEM**

**No.**

2D2 Informational Presentation by the Bureau of Land management on the Draft Tracy-Silver Lake Transmission Line Project.

✓ Terry Knudsen, BLM Planner, presented information on the Draft Tracy-Silver Lake Transmission Line Project.

**4 Cash Disbursements – November 9, 2003 – November 22, 2003**

It was moved by Councilperson Dortch, seconded by Councilperson Zadra to approve the Cash Disbursements as submitted.

Motion carried with Councilpersons Hascheff and Aiazzi absent.

**5 Consent Agenda**

**5A Business Licenses**

New License – Liquor

1. Intercon, Vera Eakin, 2500 Valley Road

Change of Ownership – Liquor

2. The Zone Bar & Grill, Iskandar M. Mohssin, 3700 N. Virginia Street

Supplemental License – Gaming

3. Pericles DB at Ace Mart, Mehran Obtin, 142 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street

5B Staff Report: Approval of Improvement Agreement and Security for Stillwell Road Apartments/Enterprise Drive. **Case No. LDC04-00183**

Recommended: Staff recommends approval of the Improvement Agreement and Security for Stillwell Road Apartments/Enterprise Drive.

5C Staff Report: Approval of Grant of Easement to SPPCo for Anchor on Neil Road Power Pole.

Recommended: Staff recommends approval of the grant of easement; authorization for the Mayor to sign.

# NORTH VALLEYS CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Terri Knutson, Bureau of Land Management  
FROM: Allayne Everett, Recording Secretary  
DATE: December 15, 2003  
RE: Tracy to Silver Lake Transmission Line Draft EIS

The following is a portion of the draft minutes of the North Valleys Citizen Advisory Board held November 10, 2003.

**Tracy to Silver Lake Transmission Line Draft EIS** – Terri Knutson, BLM presented information regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Study for the Tracy to Silver Lake Transmission Line. Bill Whitney, Washoe County and Bill Roullier, SPPCo were available to assist in presentation and address questions and take comments on the Draft EIS that was distributed to the public in October. Dean Schultz, Airport Authority was available to address questions and concerns and stated that the Airport Authority is a cooperating agency with this proposed project. Ms. Knutson stated that the BLM will not be making their final EIS until the cooperating agencies have submitted their reports. Mr. Roullier stated that the yards would be temporary during construction and the substations would have landscaping. The newer structures are 30 to 35 feet tall.

### Comments and concerns by the NVCAB

- Questions were raised regarding what is considered a 'contingency' and EMF mitigations.
- Concerns were raised regarding liability and communication issues caused by negative impacts from the EMS fields. It was recommended that the entire powerline be installed underground to remove any negative impacts to local residents.
- Mr. Roullier stated that they could do a 60 to 65 foot pole along the alignment at the Stead Airport.
- It was stated that the criteria for negative visual impacts does not necessarily reflect the opinions of residents that will be impacted by the installation of the powerlines. Ms. Knutson stated that the criteria includes evaluation of the existing powerlines as well as new installations and encouraged citizens to submit their comments and recommendations to the BLM for inclusion in the study.
- Concerns and opposition was stated to establishing a new powerline corridor through a valley that currently does not have any negative visual impacts from powerpoles. Ms. Knutson encouraged that these comments be submitted to Bill Whitney for the Washoe County staff report.
- In response to questions raised, Ms. Knutson explained that they do not plan to do the plan piecemeal. The proposed alignments are subject to change and the final alignment could be a combination of more than one proposed alignment.
- Concerns were raised regarding what compensations will be provided for property owners that are damaged by the installation of a powerline alignment. Property owners will be encouraged to obtain their own appraisals.
- It was asked that the powerlines be installed underground particularly in areas where the CC & R's require underground installations of utilities.
- Concerns were raised regarding the negative visual impacts for residents in the Red Rock area that currently only have to view aircraft during the Air Races that would be seeing the powerlines daily.
- Questions were raised regarding the close proximity within 150 feet of residential properties adjacent to the Stead Airport proposed alignment.
- Mr. Roullier stated that they do not have current plans for growth in the Cold Springs valley but they anticipate that future development will need electrical service.
- Concerns were stated that the northern proposed alignment appears to be in anticipation of expanded powerlines. Ms. Knutson stated that the northern alignment is not the preferred SPPCo route.
- In response to questions raised, Ms. Knutson stated that the EIS is addressing wildlife issues.
- It was suggested that the alignments be routed through the areas that will be served by the power.

### Comments and concerns by the Community

- Mr. Roullier addressed questions pertaining to how powerlines would be expanded or replaced.
- Gene Savoy, President of the Red Rock States POA read a written statement into the record. A copy of the written statement was requested for attachment to the approved minutes.
- Sarah Chvilicek read a written statement from Marlon Carlson was read into the record.
- Mary Marcosa stated concern regarding negative impacts to Long Horned Owls habitat and to visual disturbances and potential hazards to low flying aircraft.

- Elizabeth McKee stated that Antelope Valley is recognized as a part of the Red Rock Road Property Owners Association read a written statement into the record pertaining to negative impacts to the residents. Ms. McKee asked why SPPCo did not plan for expansion to the Alturas Power Project. Mr. Roullier stated that the powerlines serve different purposes.
  - Junel Baciglupo stated that she is an EMF specialist and that EMF's do have negative impacts to humans and wildlife. Ms. Baciglupo also submitted a written comment for the record.
  - Gary Nielsen suggested that the powerlines should go through public lands that do not impact residential properties. Mr. Nielson stated that Hot August Nights and the Air Races would be negatively impacted if not eliminated should the powerlines be aligned near the Stead Airport.
  - In response to questions raise, Sarah Chvilicek and Terri Knutson confirmed that all written comments would be included in the final EIS report.
  - Questions were raised regarding the length of time it would take to restore power service after an outage.
  - Mr. Roullier stated that he estimates that the second line would not be installed until after 2008.
  - Charlene Murray asked for information regarding the visual impacts from a 'staging area' near her property on Destiny Court. Ms. Murray asked that the powerline alignment comply with the Regional Corridor Report requirements. Ms. Knutson stated that the Regional Planning Agency will be reviewing this proposed project as a project with Regional Significance. Mr. Roullier stated that they are looking at this project at full build-out.
  - Gary Feero stated concerns regarding Environmental Justice issues and that it appears that the North Valleys have been heavily impacted with the Alturas Power Project and now this proposed project. Mr. Feero stated concerns whether this proposed project would be subject to environmental adjustments.
  - Lori Burke stated opposition to the proposed alternative routes and reviewed information related to the Alturas Power Project and data requests from BLM addressing the looping that is part of the record that was ignored during the Alturas project. Ms. Burke also stated concern that reliability issues are not commonly used in urban areas and that what was stated as not being a corridor, has become a corridor.
- c: Bonnie Weber, Commissioner  
Pete Sferrazza, Commissioner  
Sarah Chvilicek, Chair.  
Leslie Roylance, Program Coordinator

# NORTH VALLEYS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, November 17, 2003

6:00 p.m.

North Valleys Regional Sports Complex  
8085 Silver Lake Road, Reno, Nevada

## MINUTES OF MEETING

**Present:** Richard Schoot (Chairperson), Joe Theile, Jason Woosley, Arbie Neal, Richard Foncault

**Absent:** Kelly Connolly (excused), Stephen Waters (excused),

**Also Present:** Michael Chaump (staff), Marsha Conway (to take Minutes)

### I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chairperson Schoot called the meeting to order at 6:47 p.m. A quorum of five members was present.

### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### A. Approval of the October 20, 2003 meeting Minutes

The following changes were noted: In Board Discussion and Action Items, A (2), change the word "fun" to the word fund in the first sentence of the motion.

**Arbie Neal motioned to approve the Minutes as amended. Joseph Theile seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

### III. PRESENTATION AND RECOGNITION OF THOMAS O. FENNESSY, JR.

Board Member Thomas Fennessy passed away in October 2003. In recognition of his service a special presentation was completed.

Michael Chaump presented a plaque to Jean Fennessy in recognition of her contributions to the neighborhood. Councilperson Dwight Dortch presented a plaque to Jean Fennessy in honor of her husband, Thomas Fennessy, Jr.'s, many contributions to the neighborhood during his lifetime.

Board Member Theile announced that there will be a dedication to a piece of land known as the Peanut near the Stead Welcome sign. This land will be dedicated in the name of Tom Fennessy, Jr. The time and date of the dedication were given and all attendees were invited.

Bud Solmonsson acknowledged Mr. Fennessy for the contributions that he gave to the neighborhood.

At this point (at approximately 6:55 p.m.) Chairperson Schoot announced that there would be a 10-minute break. Chairperson Schoot recalled the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

### IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Tery Knutson, Bureau of Land Management, was in attendance to present information relating to the proposed transmission line from Tracy to Silver Lake. Ms. Knutson passed out a map with proposed and alternative lines and an informational flyer relating to the project. She provided a brief explanation and overview, and offered to return next month with Sierra Pacific for a formal presentation.

Mr. Chaump reminded the Board that there will be no meeting next month and suggested that some questions be covered this evening.

Chairperson Schoot requested to know if the power lines will be the type referred to as toothpicks. Ms. Knutson responded that these will be taller than the toothpick style, approximately 20 to 25 feet in height. Ms. Knutson reviewed the cost of burying a power line, which is approximately seven and a half times more expensive.

Board Member Theile requested clarification of exactly where the lines will be strung. Ms. Knutson stated that the proposed route is the recommended route from Sierra Pacific Power Co. The alternate routes are alternatives which have been suggested as a result of public meetings and input. Ms. Knutson gave a brief overview of the approval process. A general discussion of the proposed line locations followed.

Board Member Neal stated that buried power lines would be preferable, due to no power outages during the winter months. Ms. Knutson stated that approximately 50% of the proposed line is existing poles which will be swapped for taller poles. Ms. Knutson stated that the input period for this project will close December 15, 2003. She requested that comments and concerns be routed to the BLM website. She provided the website address.

Board member Woosley requested to know the purpose of this line. Ms. Knutson stated that a substation in Spanish Springs is needed. The line will provide a loop for this new substation. She reviewed the phases of the project.

Chairperson Schoot requested that Mr. Knutson return for a presentation on this project in January 2004.

## **V. PUBLIC OFFICIAL REPORT.**

**A. Reno City Council Member** - Councilperson Dwight Dortch was in attendance to present a report. Councilperson Dortch gave a brief summary of the transmission line issues from Tracy to Silver Lake. He stated that only one proposed route does not directly affect residents. He reviewed the issues related to City of Reno Code for the proposed alternative routes.

Councilperson Dortch announced that the Advisory Board had three Board position openings. He stated that these positions will be advertised.

Chairperson Schoot requested to know if the Town Hall meeting was still scheduled for January 8, 2003. Councilperson Dortch confirmed that this is still scheduled.

Michael Chaump announced that the Joint NAB/City Council meeting will occur on December 1, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Meadowood Courtyard Conference Room.

The status of the code compliance issue on Barrow Court was requested. Councilperson Dortch stated that this issue is still an active case. Mr. Chaump stated that the landowner was cited with a misdemeanor citation. The first court hearing is scheduled for November 20, 2003.

Board member Neal also expressed concern relating to code compliance issues on Bismarck Street. He reported that the Code Compliance Department should review this area as it requires maintenance and clean-up. It was stated that a complaint is required before the Code Enforcement Department takes action. Councilperson Dortch suggested contacting Reno Direct with an address and the issue.

Chairperson Schoot requested to know if the new Code Enforcement staff is now hired. Councilperson Dortch confirmed that they have been hired, but are still in training.

**B. Washoe County Commission** - Commissioner Bonnie Weber was not in attendance to present a report.

**C. Nevada State Assembly** - Assemblyperson Jason Geddes was not in attendance to present a report.

## VI. CITY OF RENO DEPARTMENT/REGIONAL UPDATE

### A. Reno Police Department - There was no one in attendance to present a report.

A resident asked about the rifle range training for police officers. He stated that some officers do not train together due to the BLM border issues. He suggested that the City of Reno contact the BLM department to request use of some of the land so that two officers may train together. A short discussion of this idea followed. Councilperson Dortch reported that the change to the noise study in this area is still in the process of review. He stated that he will mention this idea at the next meeting.

### B. Reno Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department - Terry Zeller, Reno Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department, was in attendance to present an update. Mr. Zeller reported that the irrigation to the parks has now been turned off. He announced that the ice rink will be opening on November 26, 2003 and there will be a free skate day.

He announced that the Panther Valley Park Phase II Landscape Plan and the civil engineering plans for Phase II have been received and are under review.

Chairperson Schoot requested to know if the drinking fountains were turned off for the winter. Mr. Zeller confirmed that they are turned off. Chairperson Schoot next requested to know if the restrooms had been closed for the year in the parks. Mr. Zeller confirmed that they have been. Chairperson Schoot requested to know if the lights were also turned off. Mr. Zeller stated that the lights on photocells will remain active. An explanation of how the photocell lights operate was given. Chairperson Schoot stated that the Panther Valley lights appear to still be on the summer schedule. Mr. Zeller stated that he will check into this matter.

### C. Desert Heights Family Resource Center - There was no one in attendance to present an update.

### D. Washoe County Regional Sports Complex - Bud Solmonsson was in attendance to present an update. Mr. Solmonsson reported that two Saturday's ago the Eagle Scouts completed a project planting trees in the area. They are now in the process of building a trail. Mr. Solmonsson reviewed the building materials and location of the trails. He reported that Eagle Scouts are assisting with this project.

He reported that Phase II is being completed quickly. The grass growing and the turf will be planted soon. He gave a short report on the items remaining before this phase is complete. Board Member Theile expressed concern regarding the turf being planted so late in the year. He requested to know if it would take for the next year. Mr. Schenk replied that when the turf is laid this late in the year it will be midsummer for it will be ready. He answered all questions from the Board relating to the turf.

Mr. Solmonsson reported that the fencing is ordered. He thanked the Board for their contribution to this project.

### E. Sierra Nevada Job Corps - Chairperson Schoot thanked the Job Corps for the refreshments provided this evening's presentation. Kitty Jung, Executive Director, introduced Mary and Kevin, who had volunteered to assist this evening.

Ms. Jung mentioned a potential partnership with Nevada Performing Arts. She stated that this would be a place for the students to practice their vocations as it is a non-profit agency. She announced that she attended the LEAD program graduation.

Ms. Jung stated that female students were treated to a salon treatment. She mentioned the difficulty recruiting and retaining female students. Ms. Jung stated that students who remain for Thanksgiving will have a scavenger hunt with prizes. She stated that the carpentry students assisted with the Festival of Lights celebration.

Ms. Jung stated that she will receive a free turkey this year. She requested that if anyone has an organization which may need this as a donation to please contact her.

## VII. DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

### A. LDC04-00162 (Hillcrest East/Coggins and Northern Lights) - A request for: (A) a zoning map amendment from LLR-2-5 (Large Lot Residential - 2.5 acres) to SF-9 (Single Family - 9,000 square feet) on $\pm$ 12.72 acres and OS (Open Space) on $\pm$ 11.12 acres; (B) a 51 lot single family subdivision; and (C) a special use permit for (1) hillside development, (2) cuts in

excess of 20 feet and fills in excess of 10 feet, and (3) small lot development. The ±23.84 acre site is located south of the southern terminus of Coggins Road.

Kerry Cates, CFA, Inc., was in attendance to present this project. Russ Lowden, Project Engineer for FA, Inc. was also in attendance to answer questions. Ms. Cates reviewed recent changes to the project requests, and through the use of presentation material, gave a brief overview of the project. Ms. Cates provided details on the open space and landscaping, which exceed the City of Reno requirements.

Upon conclusion, the presentation was opened up for questions. Chairperson Schoot expressed concern relating to traffic. Ms. Cates stated that there is not a proposed alternative access point. She stated that the City of Reno has not indicated there are traffic issues. Chairperson Schoot suggested that another access road should be added for emergencies and public use.

Board Member Woosley requested to know if the streets are private. Ms. Cates stated that the streets will be dedicated to the City of Reno, upon their completion.

Chairperson Schoot requested to know if traffic calming devices had been considered on Coggins Road. Ms. Cates stated that there had been no consideration of calming devices. Chairperson Schoot requested that this suggestion be brought back to the developer for consideration as this straight road area could be a potential speed way.

A Board member requested additional information on the lot sizes. Ms. Cates reviewed the sizes. The smallest lot is approximately 5,000 square feet.

Chairperson Schoot requested additional information regarding the fencing and parkways. Ms. Cates stated that fencing will be provided. She stated that the common way fencing will be 3 feet high. She also reviewed the planned parkways. She stated that the garages will be two car, attached garages. There will be a homeowner's association which will maintain the common areas.

A project review form will be completed for this development.

**B. LDC04-11248 (Wild Stallion Estates)** - A request for: (1) annexation of 93.92 acres; and (2) a Master Plan amendment from Specific Plan to Single Family Residential (1 to 3 dwelling units per acre) on ±195.31 acres, and removal from the Reno-Stead Corridor Joint Plan. The site is zoned SF15 (Single Family - 15,000 square foot lots) and LLR-1 (Large Lot Residential - 1 acre lots) and is in the Reno Sphere of Influence in a Cooperative Planning Area, located ±175 feet to the east of the northeast corner of North Hills Drive and Beckwourth Drive.

Chris Baker, Land Planner for Summit Engineering, was in attendance to present this development project. Mr. Baker gave a brief overview of the development project. Through the use of presentation material, he reviewed the location and proposed changes to the master plan and zoning. Upon completion, he invited questions from the Board and public.

Board Member Neal expressed concern relating to the impact on traffic if the project changes from one to three dwelling units acre. Mr. Baker stated that a traffic study is currently being completed. He stated that the, per Keith Lockhart, the City of Reno roads should accommodate this change.

A Board member expressed concern relating to the exit points. Mr. Baker stated that the final ingress and egress points for the development are not yet decided as the project is in the early stages of design. Using the presentation map, he pointed out three access points, which have been established. Board Member Theile expressed concern relating to traffic and the Beckworth intersection. He stated that there are currently traffic issues at this intersection, as this is also a school crossing. A general discussion regarding this issue followed.

Board member Theile requested clarification of the commercial and industrial growth mentioned earlier in the presentation. Mr. Baker cited the new Smith's store and the new high school. Using the presentation map, he pointed to new industrial locations.

A Board member requested to know if there was any type of draft available for review. Mr. Baker stated that the currently status is that a settlement agreement with the homeowner's association is in the process of completion.

Chairperson Schoot expressed concern relating to the Alice Smith Elementary and the other area schools' capacity to house the student enrollment, which will be created by this project.



Another discussion relating to traffic impact and the impact on area schools followed. It was also mentioned that the owner of the shopping center has purchased parcels extending out to Golden Valley Road and near the post office, which will involve further development and will impact the neighborhoods, traffic and schools. A project review form will be submitted on this project.

## **VIII. NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATE**

**A. Recommendation/referral to the Citizens Traffic Advisory Committee (CTAC)** - There were no new issues to review, however, a general discussion relating to traffic occurred. Chairperson Schoot suggested that the City of Reno should come into the area and complete a traffic study related to the entire area in order to obtain a whole picture of the traffic issues in the North Valleys.

Chairperson School mentioned that another impact on traffic will be the post office on North Hills Boulevard.

**B. Monthly Neighborhood Code Enforcement Report** - The monthly Code Enforcement Report had been received. There were no new issues.

**C. Neighborhood News, Concerns and Activities Update** – Board member Theile reported that he was contacted by the property manager, Cindy Frankenhause, for the Smith's Shopping Center. They are interested in obtaining feedback from the community. Board member Theile stated that he had provided suggestions to her for obtaining input, including contacting this Board, the CAB and the homeowners associations in the area. He requested that any other ideas for community input would be welcome by them. Michael Chaump reported that he has been contacted by the property manager with a request to be placed on the North Valleys NAB agenda.

## **IX. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **X. BOARD DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. Community Pride Grant Funding Requests**

**1. North Valleys Regional Sports Complex Friends Committee entryway design review and funding request of \$10,000.** Rebecca Holt and Bud Solmonsson were in attendance to present this request. Rebecca Holt gave a short history of the project to date. A drawing of the proposed entryway design was given to the Board. There will be four crosswalks all the way around. A plaque acknowledging the contributions of the NAB will be included. It is not known how far back from the street the archway will be at this time; however, there will be some type of recess. The estimate for this project is \$20,000.

Board Member Schoot requested to know how much money had been accumulated to date. It was reported that \$1,000 has been accumulated. Chairperson Schoot, next requested to know if any fundraisers are planned for the remainder of the money. It was stated that fundraisers are planned this spring. Ms. Holt reviewed the plans to accumulate the remainder of the needed funding. Mr. Solmonsson stated that a fundraising idea similar to the donation bricks at Barclay Ranch is being considered. Board Member Schoot suggested the Board provide seed money to assist in raising the remaining funds.

Board Member Foncault requested to know if the County will assist in funding of the project. Mr. Solmonsson reviewed some possibilities of Washoe County funding. Chairperson Schoot suggested providing seed money for this project. A general discussion followed.

**Arbie Neal motioned to give \$5,000 in seed money. Richard Foncault seconded the Motion.** Discussion followed. Board member Theile suggested funding contingent upon Washoe County providing matching funds. It was suggested that the matching funding be increased to \$10,000. Several changes to the Motions was discussed. **Joseph Theile amended the Motion to state that based on the project presented the Board will match any**

funds up to \$10,000 that the County gives for this project. Arbie Neal seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**2. Request for Raleigh Heights restroom funding.** Terry Zeller, Parks and Recreation Department, was in attendance to present comparison bids on the restroom project. The comparison bids had been requested by the Board at a previous meeting. He reported the bids in detail in the following areas:

- A. to replace the existing doors and locks will cost approximately \$9,015;
- B. to replace the toilets with stainless steel ones will cost approximately \$7,190; and,
- C. the cost for the sealings and the graffiti coating.

Mr. Schenk explained that the doors are not standard hollowed out doors but will be constructed of 14-gauge steel. He explained the current condition of the restrooms and the repairs that are needed, and the purpose for some of the changes.

Board Member Theile requested to know if it would be less expensive to rebuild the restrooms. Mr. Schenk reviewed the general costs to rebuild the restroom and stated that, in this case, it makes more sense to retrofit this restroom. He stated the insurance deductible is extremely high. He reported that the restrooms are currently locked down for the winter and will reopen in the spring.

Board Member Woosley commented that this is a lot of money for how much the park is used and that the funding might benefit the community more through other projects. Board Member Foncault suggested tabling this item until a future meeting. Board Member Woosley stated that he felt the Board should fund some money but not the entire amount.

Chairperson Schoot commented that the community as a whole, and their enjoyment of the facilities, should be considered in deciding on whether or not to fund this project. Mr. Schenk requested to know

Joseph Theile moved that the Board does not fund the project as submitted at this time and that the project be considered for the C.I.P. program, as this park may be increased in size down the back slope to make it a more functional park. In the interim, it is requested that the Parks and Recreation Department look at some other bids and that they also look through their funding to find some money and that they may return to the Board if they find funding to match. Arbie Neal seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously.

## **B. Neighbor to Neighbor Newsletter**

Michael Chaump reminded the Board Members to provide him with any stories for the upcoming newsletter. Board Member Theile expressed a concern mentioned by Board Member Connolly relating to how the process of accepting stories is completed. Mr. Chaump reviewed when stories must be submitted for the newsletter and gave examples of the types of articles to submit. He stated that the next newsletter release will be in February or March 2004. Board member Theile requested that Mr. Chaump contact Board member Connolly directly regarding his questions. He commended Board Member Theile for his assistance on working on Tom Fennessy's story. The Board congratulated Mr. Chaump on the quality and content of this quarter's newsletter.

## **C. Identification and possible selection for the 2004 Capitol Improvement Project**

Michael Chaump reviewed the criteria for selection of the 2004 Capitol Improvement Program projects. Mr. He explained that these projects are long-term in nature and the cost is normally substantial. He stated that each project is then ranked. He explained that the NABs are being requested to submit ideas for the C.I.P. within their boundaries. Mr. Schenk provided additional details and examples of the C.I.P. project selection.

Board Member Theile requested clarification on the C.I.P. ranking. Mr. Schenk reviewed how the projects are ranked. Board Member Theile next requested to know the deadline to submit this information. Mr. Chaump stated that the deadline is January 29, 2004.

Chairperson Schoot suggested the Panther Valley Community. He stated that half the residences have streetlights and sidewalks and gutters and he would like everyone in the community to have these benefits. He stated that he would also like to request that the pockets of County property be annexed into the City of Reno so that all residents are contributing to the tax

base. A discussion regarding the criteria for annexation was reviewed. Mr. Chaump clarified that annexation is not a C.I.P. project. A short discussion of the annexation process followed. Chairperson Schoot stated that he felt that the community of Panther Valley should be reviewed as a whole. Mr. Chaump stated that he would send the ideas via e-mail to everyone and that he would place it on the agenda for January.

It was suggested that Chairperson Schoot write up a proposal on his suggestions regarding Panther Valley and that the Raleigh Heights Park project proposal be completed and reviewed at the January 2004 NAB Board meeting.

Mr. Chaump requested that any other ideas be submitted to him via email.

## **XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Chairperson Schoot suggested moving public comment after the City of Reno Department/Regional Update. A Board member suggested that the CPG items and the development projects also be moved up on the agenda. Michael Chaump requested confirmation that public comment should be listed after City of Reno Department/Regional Updates. Chairperson Schoot confirmed that this was the Board's request. Michael Chaump reviewed the term dates for the Board members. It was suggested that if this change is completed that the time restraints be observed. Chairperson Schoot requested to know if there was a volunteer as a time keeper or sergeant-at-arms. Methods to streamline the meeting time and comments were discussed.

Future agenda items include:

- Election of officers
- Identification and possible selection for the 2004 Capital Improvement Program
- Presentation of proposed transmission lines - Terry Knutson
- Request for public input from Smith Shopping Center

## **XII. DIRECTION AND REQUEST TO STAFF**

Mr. Chaump stated that the final NAB budget will be completed in January. Board Member Foncault requested a follow-up on graffiti in the Peppermint and Silver Lake areas. This graffiti had been reported, but has not yet been eliminated. It was also requested that a follow-up on the traffic impact study be completed.

## **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

**Board Member Theile motioned to adjourn the meeting. Arbie Neal seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

# **SPANISH SPRINGS CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD**



## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Terri Knutson, Bureau of Land Management  
FROM: Allayne Donnelly-Everett, Recording Secretary  
DATE: December 15, 2003  
SUBJECT: Tracy to Silver Lake Transmission Line Draft EIS

The following is a portion of the draft minutes of the regular meeting of the Spanish Springs Citizen Advisory Board held November 12, 2003.

**Tracy to Silver Lake Transmission Line Draft EIS** – Terri Knutson, BLM, Bill Whitney, Washoe County and Bill Roullier, SPPCo presented the proposed project and answer questions and take comments on the Draft EIS (Environmental Impact Statement) that was distributed to the public in October. Ms. Knutson asked citizens to submit comments and concerns in writing to her during the comment period ending December 16, 2003. The proposed project will be presented to the Planning Commission after the close of the comment period. All written comments will be included in the EIS. Mr. Roullier stated for the record that there are no 'side deals' being made between the participating agencies. Mr. Whitney asked that citizens submit their comments to the BLM in writing and to call him with questions and concerns. Ms. Knutson stated that citizens could suggest alternate routes or a combination of the proposed routes.

### **Comments and concerns**

- Mr. Roullier was asked to commit to limit powerline to 120 KV. Mr. Roullier stated that they would limit the powerline to 120 KV. Mr. Roullier could not commit that a future powerline purveyor would honor that commitment.
- Questions were raised regarding the requirements of the City of Sparks for underground powerline installation particularly since La Posada is now within the city limits. Robert Pyzel stated that the City of Sparks states that powerlines should be underground.
- Frustration was expressed that the alignment are all cost related and Sierra Pacific Power Co. was asked what revenue they would get from this powerline. It appears that the proposed routes are planned to avoid underground installation.
- Concerns were raised that this line could have been installed if Sierra Pacific Power Company had agreed to underground in sensitive areas and citizens are encouraged to forward their opinions to BLM and Washoe County.
- Concern was stated that some of the participating agencies are working out deals that will make it difficult for property owners to have a voice in the planning process.
- Concerns were stated that SPPCo is not listening to citizens who want underground powerlines and opposition to establishing a new utility corridor which could be subject to future expansion.
- Opposition was stated to the alignment along Rockwell Blvd. and concern was stated that not all property owners along the proposed route were provided with the draft EIS.
- It was asked that citizens be provided with a cost analysis of underground installation versus above ground installation. Mr. Roullier stated that underground installation cost analysis have been substantiated by an independent third party hired by BLM.
- Information was requested regarding the number of homes and properties within 750 feet of the proposed alignments.
- Concerns were raised that the EIS does not address potential wildfire hazards caused from the powerlines.
- Art Verling read a letter from Todd Irvine, Representative of the Tribal Council into the record. The letter was presented to Terri Knutson and will be attached to the approved minutes of this meeting.

c: Jim Shaw, Commissioner  
Art Verling, Chair.  
Leslie Roylance, Program Coordinator

# WARM SPRINGS CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Terri Knutson, Bureau of Land Management  
FROM: Allayne Donnelly-Everett, Recording Secretary  
DATE: December 15, 2003  
SUBJECT: Tracy to Silver lake Transmission Line Draft EIS

The following is a portion of the draft minutes of the regular meeting of the Warm Springs Citizen Advisory Board held November 3, 2003.

**Tracy to Silver Lake Transmission Line Draft EIS** – Terri Knutson, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Bill Whitney, Washoe County Community Development and Bill Roullier, Sierra Pacific Power Company, (SPPCo) presented the proposed project and answer questions and take comments on the Draft EIS that was distributed to the public in October. The Summary was sent to any property owners within 750 feet of any of the proposed alignments. Citizens are encouraged to submit comments to the BLM in writing by December 15, 2003. These comments will be addressed in the final EIS. Copies of the public presentations dates and proposed alignment alternatives were available. Mr. Roullier stated that the poles would be single wood poles approximately 75 feet tall. The cost analysis for the alternative alignments were reviewed. Mr. Roullier encouraged citizens to contact him with specific questions and concerns. Information can be accessed at: [tracysilverlake\\_eis@blm.gov](mailto:tracysilverlake_eis@blm.gov) The purpose is to provide reliable power into the Spanish Springs and Stead areas and to loop the feed.

### **Comments and concerns**

- Concerns were raised regarding whether SPPCo would use the Power of Eminent Domain to acquire some right-of-way.
- Questions were raised whether the Tracy to Silver Lake Transmission Line would provide power to local residents who are currently getting power from Sutcliffe.
- Questions were raised whether some power lines would be installed underground.
- Mr. Roullier addressed concerns regarding restoration and re-vegetation of disturbed land.

c: Jim Shaw, Commissioner  
Greg Landrus, Chair.  
Leslie Roylance, Program Coordinator

# SUN VALLEY CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Terri Knutson, BLM  
FROM: Allayne Everett, Recording Secretary  
DATE: November 10, 2003  
RE: Tracy/Stead Powerline

The following is a portion of the draft minutes of the Sun Valley Citizen Advisory Board held November 8, 2003.

**Tracy to Silver Lake Transmission Line Draft EIS** – Terri Knutson, Bureau of Land Management, (BLM), presented the Draft Environment Impact Study (EIS) for proposed alternative alignments for a transmission line between Tracy and Silver Lake in the north valleys. Bill Whitney, Washoe County Department of Community Development and Bill Roullier, SPPCo were available to address questions and take comments. Several representatives from Sierra Pacific Power Company (SPPCo) were available to assist in the presentation. Citizens are encouraged to submit written comments to Ms. Knutson at the BLM office. Mr. Roullier reviewed the plans to rebuild and to parallel existing power lines and stated that replacement of power lines must be done incrementally in order to maintain existing power service. Mr. Whitney introduced him and stated that Washoe County is a cooperating agency in the planning process. Commissioner Weber encouraged the Sun Valley community to hold fundraisers to help support traffic safety improvements. Ms. Weber stated that he is contacting (NDOT) to get the ditches along Sun Valley Blvd. cleaned-up. There is a potential for bringing a portion of Sun Valley Blvd. back into Washoe County jurisdiction.

### Comments and concerns

- In response to questions raised, Ms. Knutson stated that the alternatives were a result of previously presented comments and concerns by citizens in the potentially impacted neighborhoods and from Washoe County.
- Concerns were raised that all ratepayers would be paying for increased costs for underground installations.
- Questions were raised regarding the visual impacts of the power poles that are planned.
- Questions were raised regarding the ability of the Alturas line to accommodate expanded service.

c: Bonnie Weber, Commissioner  
Bill Whitney, Community Development  
John Jackson, Chair.  
Leslie Roylance, Program Coordinator